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1. The Kreshcheviche (58°37' N/31°25' E) airfield is located about 2 1/2 km east of the Novgorod (58°33' N/31°16' E) - Podberezhnye (58°42' N/31°24' E) rail-road line, just west of Volkhov. The landing field, about 2 1/2 x 2 km, had a good grass cover. There were no drainage facilities. Runway or taxiways, concrete parking sites, boundary lights or signal installations were not available.
2. Buildings at the field included: 12 large former hangers of which only the steel structures still existed, and on which no reconstruction work was done prior to October 1948; 6 four-story barracks buildings, each for about 300 men, the inner walls and ceilings of which were reconstructed, windows and doors fitted, and water and lighting installations laid, the buildings were still unoccupied in October 1948; 3 four-story officers buildings having two-, three- and four-room dwellings.
3. Prior to October 1948, the field was occupied by an average of 8 to 12 twin-engine aircraft. A formation of about 35 to 40 twin-engine planes of the same type arrived at the field in early October 1948. However, flying activity was still rather light. About 2 or 3 planes took off from the field daily.

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Attachment: 2 sketches (on one page) of Novgorod/Krechevitsy (Kreshcheviche) Airfield

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